

REMARKS

The Office Action in the above-identified application has been carefully considered and this amendment has been presented to place this application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 149-152 and 159-163 are in the present application. It is submitted that the claims, as originally presented, were patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. The changes to the claims as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled. Claims 144, 146-147, 154, 156, and 158 are canceled.

Claims 144, 146-147, 149-152, 154, 156 and 158-163 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Klingler et al. (U.S. Patent 5,682,326).

However, the present invention has a “display means for displaying a table of horizontally aligned rows and vertically aligned columns, said table including at least textual indicia identifying said plurality of clips as being material clips or resultant clips including those clips subjected to said processing to produce said first resultant clip, and said indicia indicating the modules used to process said clips.” (Claim 162; Claim 163 contains a similar limitation) An example of this table displayed by the claimed display means is illustrated in Fig. 13, and described at the last paragraph of page 74 through the first paragraph of page 79, of the present application. As noted by the Examiner, “Klingler does not clear show that the Ids identifying

whether the clips are material clips or resultant clips.” (Office Action page 3) Rather, the Examiner contends it would be obvious for an editor to use Klingler’s “comments” to meet the present invention’s indicia limitations. While it is theoretically possible for an editor to manually enter comments similar to the present invention’s indicia, it is not a practical solution because of the complexity and time involved in tracking and updating all of the processing information. Not only does the present invention automatically generate and display the indicia, but the indicia also provides an entire shorthand system for tracking the processing performed on various clips. For example, Klingler does not disclose any predefined system of codes, symbols, text, indicators, etc... for “identifying said plurality of clips as being material clips or resultant clips.” In fact, Klingler does not mention any of the benefits provided by the present indicia in the context of his comments. Hence, the present invention’s indicia limitations are not obvious in view of Klingler’s comments and Applicants respectfully request the Examiner provide support for this assertion.

Further, in the present invention, “said plurality of modules comprising an edit module for performing said editing processing of said plurality of clips, a composite module for performing said composing processing of said clips, and a special effect module for performing said special effects processing of said clips.” (Claims 162 and 163) While Klingler does describe performing various processing operations on video clips, Klingler does not clearly indicate these operations are grouped into modules, much less edit, composite, and special effect modules as recited in the present claims. More specifically, Klingler simply mentions displaying lists of related editing effects which is not the same as the present “plurality of modules.”

Therefore, for at least these reasons, Klingler fails to obviate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

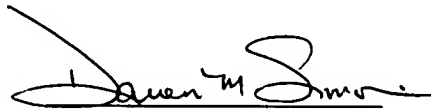
In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application as now presented is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

No additional fees are deemed to be required for the filing of this amendment, but if such are, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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